

FCAT 2010 Activities Summary Overview

Since 2007, FCAT has planned and carried out ten action forums in collaboration with a wide variety of groups and organizations throughout the town. Attendance numbers have ranged from 35 to over 200, about 60 participants on average. Each event discussed, commemorated, or planned practical solutions to climate change which contributed to building broader and stronger support to meet the goals of the Falmouth Climate Protection Action Plan and the larger transition to reduce the carbon footprint, save energy, money, and create jobs while protecting the environment. These events were featured in articles and photos carried by local newspapers and televised on FCTV.

FCAT 2010 Action Forums

"The Greening of Falmouth" forum on April 10th, moderated by Mindy Todd, highlighted climate action plans of several model towns. Presentations on Falmouth municipal actions were made by the Assistant Town Manager and the Falmouth Energy Coordinator; non-municipal actions on the community side were presented by Self Reliance Executive Director. A Green Fair held in tandem included over 35 local businesses and non-profit groups.

"Refuse Refuge" at Falmouth Arts Alive, June 18-20, included an art installation, and art table for kids demonstrating recycling and repurposing of single use plastic water bottles in support of the proposed Massachusetts state bottle bill.

Main Street Recycling Pilot Project was initiated in July, in collaboration with the Falmouth Service Center, Fairwinds, and the Village Association. Two bins placed on Main Street saved over 8,000 bottles from incineration, landfill, rivers, streams or oceans. The pilot ran for twelve weeks during the summer; a zero waste forum was held in tandem on August 10th.

350:1010 Work Party/Celebration: "Greening of Falmouth" activities culminated in alignment with 350.org celebrated practical solutions to climate change. A calendar of 12 events held at multiple venues throughout the town between October 1st and 10th included a green elementary school launch, hands on demonstrations on composting and home insulation, tours of sustainable homes and businesses, film and tour of sustainable communities.

Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) welcomed FCAT membership in December.

Co-Sponsored Events

In 2010 FCAT also co-sponsored several events to support the work of others by committing to spread the word through organizational e-mails, public announcements and other group communications. These included: "Ground Zero for Zero Waste: Transforming the Cape's Throw-Away Society;" "No Time to Waste! Forum on Wastewater Management;" and "Government in the Round" which were co-sponsored with CIREnew, Sierra Club Cape and Islands Group, and the League of Women Voters of Falmouth, among others.